ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

CAREER SERVICES NEWS

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EXTENDED CAREER SERVICES HOURS

In order to accommodate students that are off campus during regular hours, the Career Services Office (CSO) will be open as follows this semester:

Monday: 9:00am—5:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am—6:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am—5:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am—6:00 pm

Friday: 9:00am—5:00pm

If you need to make an appointment outside of these hours, please contact the CSO.

LUNCH & LEARN: THE LEGAL PROFESSION & PRACTICING LAW

This program will be offered on Monday, January 30 (5:30pm—6:30pm) and Thursday, February 2 (12:00pm—1:00pm) in room A-111 on both days. Dean Ray will discuss what lawyers tell us they wish they had known in law school, what they do and the careers they follow, how they get their jobs, how often they change jobs, the hours they work, how salaries work, how billable hours and contingent fees work, work-life balance issues, and job satisfaction. Dean Ray will also discuss what you can do in law school to prepare for a successful career.

LEGAL SERVICES OF GREATER MIAMI—INTERNS NEEDED

LSGMI is seeking interested students to fill a variety of law clerk positions. Applicants should be able to commit at least 12 hours a week to volunteering at LSGMI. The Spring law clerk program runs from January to May. If you are interested in a law clerk position, please complete the application and submit it to isanchezbryson@lsgmi.org. Stop by the Career Services Office for a copy of the application.

LSGMI relies on assistance from law students to fulfill its mission to serve the low-income community of Miami-Dade County. Working at LSGMI during law school gives you immediate, hands-on experience with the clients we serve and the cases we handle. You will not be limited to doing legal research. Positions are available in the Main Office and South Dade Law Center.

For all law clerk positions, LSGMI seeks students with a commitment to and passion for the rights of low-income clients. Bilingual capability (Spanish or Haitian Creole) is desired but not required. A law clerk's duties may include any combination of the following:

- interviewing clients in person and by telephone;
- conducting factual investigations including visiting apartments and taking photographs;

- performing legal research;
- writing legal memoranda;
- drafting pleadings and discovery motions;
- reviewing documents;
- preparing for and observing administrative and court hearings;
- participating in after-hours legal clinics; and
- participating in after-hours community education events.

They have positions available in the following:

AIDS Legal Advocacy Project (ALAP) – ALAP assists low income individuals living with HIV/AIDS with legal problems including, but not limited to, employment discrimination, unfair health care debt collection, bankruptcy to discharge medical debt, breach of confidentiality in a medical setting, medical rights of recently released prisoners, obtaining private health insurance, and obtaining or retaining public benefits such as food stamps, Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, and unemployment compensation benefits.

Renters Education and Advocacy Legal Line (REAL) - REAL provides telephone legal advice to tenants with private housing matters. The Project advises tenants on issues such as how to defend their eviction case, request return of their security deposit, and demand repairs of their rental property. The Project also provides tenants with self-help materials which assist them in resolving their problem.

Children's Advocacy Project - The Children's Advocacy Project ensures that children who are struggling in school receive the educational services and accommodations necessary to make academic progress, and that they obtain SSI disability benefits. The Project's Special Education Initiative represents children and their parents before the Miami Dade County and Monroe County Public schools to 1) request formal evaluations of the child, 2) establish the child's eligibility for Exceptional Student Education (ESE), 3) create Individualized Education Plans with appropriate services and accommodations, and 4) appeal School District decisions to deny ESE services and accommodations.

Homeless Legal Advocacy Project - The Homeless Legal Assistance Project provides specialized services to homeless individuals and helps them receive available government assistance, such as Supplemental Security Income disability benefits, Medicaid, and food stamps. The Project also keeps homeless children in their neighborhood schools so that their education is not disrupted

Tenant's Rights Project - The Tenants' Rights Project provides representation to tenants facing eviction from rental housing. Priority is given to evictions involving tenants living in government subsidized housing.

Community Economic Development - The Community Economic Development Project provides free legal assistance to nonprofit community development corporations seeking to develop affordable housing and revitalize distressed neighborhoods, and has developed a long term, continuous relationship with its client organizations.

For more information on our firm, you can visit www.lsgmi.org.

LAW FIRM—LAW CLERK NEEDED

Robinson Law Firm, PA, is in need of a part-time law clerk. This is a paid opportunity to work with a private, boutique firm that provides service in the areas of elder law, probate and estate planning. The office is located in Lauderdale Lakes.

The qualified student will have an interest in elder law, probate and estate planning. Must be a 2L or 3L, have good research and writing skills, and be a self starter. Interested students should submit their resume to gdnrobinson@aol.com.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—INTERNS NEEDED

The Florida Department of Health is pleased to announce its Law Internship program, for students interested in public health law. Internship opportunities are available throughout the state, year round. Interested students should pick up the application in the Career Services Office. Complete applications will include an application, resume, and transcripts.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FREE MPRE REVIEW SESSION

BarBri offers a free MPRE review for all students. The review session will be held on February 25th from 1:00pm—5:00pm. It is a free, 4-hour video, and the students follow along with a fill-in-the-blank handout. The review book contains an outline, mini outline, and four practice exams. Students will also receive access to MPRE questions in BarBri's Study Smart Software. In addition, the MPRE 2012 Information Booklet is now available on the NCBE website, www.ncbex.org.

FLORIDA NELA SUMMER ADVOCACY FELLOWSHIP

The Florida Chapter of the National Employment Lawyers Association ("FL NELA") is seeking up to three (3) Summer Advocacy Fellows for Summer 2012. FL NELA's mission is to advance employee rights and serve lawyers who advocate for equality and justice in the workplace. FL NELA is part of the country's largest professional organization that is exclusively comprised of lawyers who represent individual employees in cases involving employment discrimination, employee benefits, illegal workplace harassment and retaliation, as well as other employment related matters. FL NELA pursues its mission through education, amicus curie briefs, technical support, and other activities.

Description: The Summer Advocacy Fellow will be based in a FL NELA member's firm located in either the Middle District, Northern District, or Southern District of Florida, and will report to and be under the general supervision of that firm's managing partner. The Fellow will use his/her independent judgment, initiative and creativity in managing and prioritizing his/her workload. **Qualifications:** Applicants should have completed at least one year of law school. They should possess excellent research and writing skills and have a demonstrated commitment to workers' rights or civil rights. Experience or course work in employment law is preferred. Preference will be given to first time recipients. **Application Process:** Start Date: Flexible, About May 28, 2012 End Date: Flexible, Minimum 10 weeks required**.** Pay: $4,000 grant from FL NELA. $2,000 provided at the conclusion of week five (5). $2,000 provided at the conclusion of week ten (10). Please send your cover letter and resume to Jennifer Daley (Jdaley@TheAmlongFirm.com), FL NELA Advocacy Fellowship Chair, by February 13, 2012. FL NELA hopes to announce the Fellows at its Winter Conference in February 2012.

AIR FORCE JAG CORPS SUMMER INTERNSHIP

The Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps Summer Internship application for 2Ls and 1Ls is now available on www.usajobs.gov. The link for the 2L internship, paid at a GS-09, is at http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306965500 and our 1L internship, paid at a GS-07, is at http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/307000500. The announcement will be open until 11:59 on Friday, February 10, 2012. Students will need to submit : 1) A Resume; 2) A complete on-line Occupational Questionnaire; 3) A one-page personal statement introducing the applicant and explaining his/her motivation and objectives in applying for a summer internship with the Air Force JAG Corps; 4) The applicant's top five geographic preferences by base or state (listing of bases can be found at http://www.jagusaf.hq.af.mil/ or by calling 1-800-JAG-USAF) and when the applicant would prefer to begin the internship (Monday, May 21, 2012 or Monday, June 4, 2012); 5) Specify on a separate sheet or sheets of paper addressing the KSAs and how they relate to the applicant's work experience, education and training; and 6) Undergraduate and Law School transcripts (readable copies are acceptable).

CFAWL BAR STUDY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Central Florida Association of Women Lawyers (CFAWL) has created a Bar Study Scholarship this year. Up to two $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to a deserving full-time or part-time law student who will take the Florida Bar Exam for the first time in July 2012 and who has promoted the CFAWL mission through CFAWL membership or other volunteer work. Although the scholarship committee will consider how applicants furthered CFAWL's mission during their law school career, the scholarship is open to all applicants who will take the Florida Bar Exam for the first time in July 2012. The scholarship application is available at http://www.cfawl.org. Applications must be received by February 3.

LAW FIRM—LEGAL INTERN NEEDED

Raposo Walled, PL, is in need of a legal intern. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable knowledge in real estate, personal injury, and insurance and commercial litigation. The qualified candidate must possess excellent research, writing, and communications skills. Must be a good problem solver and self motivator. Must be able to research, draft pleadings and draft letters, as well as attend court with senior attorneys. Interested 2Ls and 3Ls should submit resume and law school transcript to: jr@raposowalled.com.

ACLU SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

The American Civil Liberties Union of Florida offers unpaid legal internships during summer 2012 to interested law school students. The internship requires a minimum commitment of 10 weeks full-time. Dates are negotiable.

At the ACLU, legal interns are exposed to a wide variety of civil rights and civil liberties issues, including voting rights, separation of church and state, freedom of speech, racial profiling, suspicionless drug testing, LGBT equality, equal access to education, criminal justice reform, and immigrants' rights, among others. Legal interns gain valuable experience by working closely with staff attorneys conducting legal and policy research, writing legal memoranda, analyzing opportunities for policy reform, and developing advocacy materials.

DESIRED EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS: This Legal Internship is open to all law students who possess the following:

- Excellent legal writing, research, and communication skills.
- Ability to analyze complex legal issues.
- Self-motivation and demonstrated initiative to see projects through to completion.
- Ability to handle multiple projects and meet deadlines.
- Experience with policy advocacy and/or public education preferred.
- A demonstrated commitment to civil rights and civil liberties issues.

Women, people of color, LGBT students, and students with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply. To do so, please send a cover letter describing why you wish to work at the ACLU and any experience relevant to the position plus a résumé and writing sample to:

Ira Horowitz

Coordinator for Legal Interns and Volunteers

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